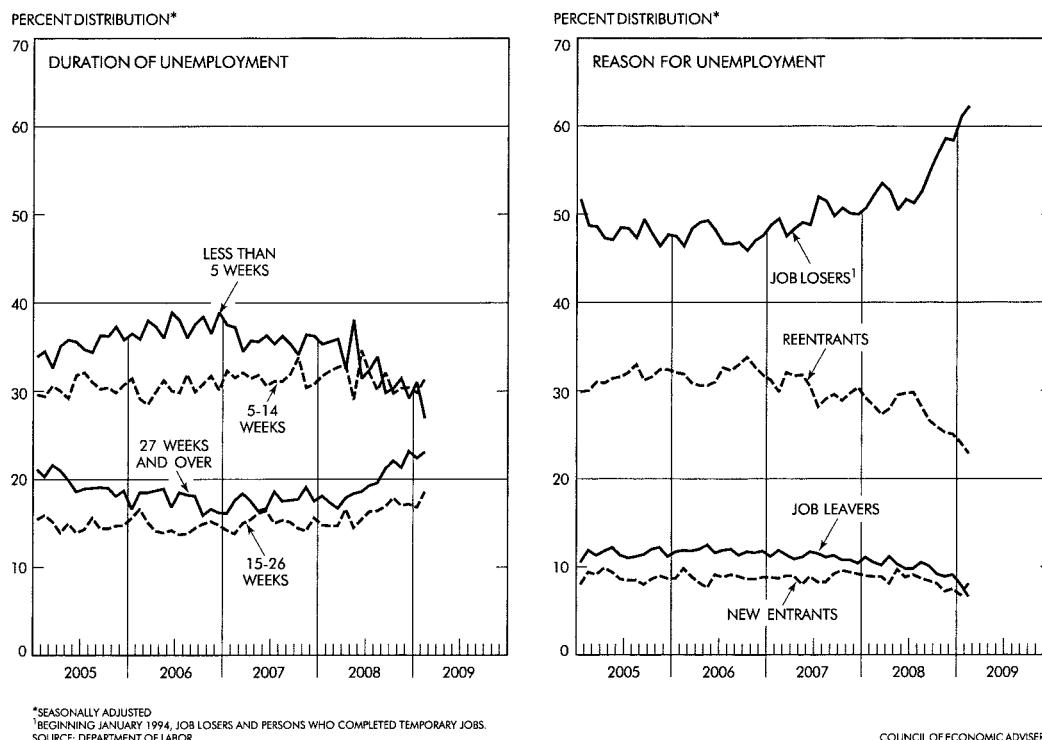


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks, for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment remained at 19.8 weeks and the median duration rose to 11.0 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemployment, all regular program (unadjusted) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job losers ¹	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	Insured unemployment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over									
						Average (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,571	324	2,609
2008	8,924	32.8	31.4	16.0	19.7	17.9	9.4	53.7	10.0	27.7	8.6	3,306	424	3,343
2008: Feb	7,423	35.6	32.3	14.7	17.3	16.6	8.4	52.2	10.5	28.3	8.9	2,776	346	3,256
Mar	7,820	35.9	32.7	14.7	16.7	16.1	8.2	53.5	10.2	27.3	8.9	2,910	374	3,553
Apr	7,675	32.5	32.9	16.6	17.9	17.0	9.3	52.7	11.2	28.0	8.1	3,012	365	3,037
May	8,536	38.1	29.0	14.5	18.4	16.8	8.3	50.5	10.3	29.5	9.7	3,096	369	2,667
June	8,662	31.4	34.6	15.4	18.6	17.6	10.1	51.7	9.8	29.7	8.8	3,126	389	3,108
July	8,910	32.4	32.0	16.3	19.3	17.3	9.8	51.3	9.8	29.8	9.1	3,233	406	3,006
Aug	9,550	33.9	30.1	16.4	19.6	17.6	9.3	52.6	10.5	28.2	8.7	3,429	440	3,179
Sept	9,592	29.8	32.1	16.9	21.2	18.7	10.3	54.9	10.1	26.6	8.4	3,581	475	3,160
Oct	10,221	30.3	29.7	17.9	22.1	19.8	10.6	56.8	9.2	25.9	8.1	3,787	478	2,978
Nov	10,476	31.4	30.3	17.0	21.3	18.9	10.0	58.6	8.9	25.3	7.2	4,134	526	3,819
Dec	11,108	29.2	30.4	17.2	23.2	19.7	10.6	58.4	9.1	25.1	7.5	4,476	542	4,777
2009: Jan	11,616	31.0	29.8	16.8	22.4	19.8	10.3	61.1	8.0	24.1	6.8	4,727	573	5,372
Feb	12,467	26.9	31.4	18.6	23.1	19.8	11.0	62.3	6.6	22.9	8.1	642

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).